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MD 97 (Georgia Avenue) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study Informational Open House Meeting

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The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), and the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) invite interested persons to attend an Informational Open House introducing a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study on MD 97 from the Glenmont Metrorail Station to Montgomery General Hospital in Montgomery County. The purpose of the project is to provide a new high-speed, high-efficiency bus transit service of 7 miles along MD 97 to enhance transit connectivity and improve operational efficiency and travel times, while addressing current and future travel demands. This study will also investigate feasible bus improvements in the vicinity of Montgomery General Hospital and address pedestrian accessibility along the project corridor.

WHAT: The Open House will allow the public to provide input on the project Purpose and Need, explain what BRT is and does, and place the current project in the broader context of other county BRT studies. Display areas will be set up and MCDOT, SHA, and MTA representatives will be available to discuss project issues, answer your questions, and record your comments. No formal presentation will be given. You may arrive at any time between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm and walk through at your own pace.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 26, 2012-- 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Parkland Middle School, 4610 W. Frankfort Drive

Rockville, Maryland 20853

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For more information on this project, visit www.roads.maryland.gov and click on Projects and Studies, SHA Projects Page, Montgomery County, MD 97(Georgia Avenue) BRT.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: The Maryland Relay Service can assist Teletype users at 711. Persons requiring assistance to participate, such as an interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language should contact Ms. Harris by June 15, 2012.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!